

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**September 5, 2021**

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #209 "This Is the Day"

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Ross Fairweather*

Prelude

Responsive Reading Psalm 90:1-7, 12

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had  
formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to  
everlasting you are God.

**All: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you  
mortals."**

One: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it  
is past, or like a watch in the night.

**All: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass  
that is renewed in the morning;**

One: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it  
fades and withers.

**All So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise  
heart.**

Hymn #686 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts  
\*Doxology  
Offering prayer

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

\*Hymn #407 "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

Sermon "The Parable of the Talents, Revisited"

\*Hymn #435 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*Benediction

\*Response # 237 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Postlude

*Welcome Rev. Jay Sprout to the pulpit this week.*

*Scriptures for Sunday, September 12: Isaiah 50:4-9a;  
Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38*

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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*Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*

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*Thank you for joining us for worship today!  
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in  
this place will know and experience the love,  
forgiveness, hope, and new life available  
through Jesus Christ.*

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